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SUBJECT: FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON ROMANIAN AGREEMENT

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON THE ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT WERE BASICALLY A REPLAY OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TESTIMONY WITH EMIGRATION THE ONLY ISSUE WHICH SPARKED ANY INTEREST IN THE SPARSE REPRESENTATION OF SENATORS.

2. RABBI MILLER UPDATED HIS WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TESTIMONY BY STATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONLY 50 JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL IN MAY. HE ALSO QUOTED FROM AN ORGANIZATION OF ROMANIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL WHO HAD WRITTEN ON MAY 8 STATING THAT ON THE BASIS OF INDICATIONS TO RELATIVES IN ISRAEL THERE ARE BETWEEN 30,000-40,000 JEWS IN ROMANIA WHO WANT TO EMIGRATE.

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3. RIBICOFF DISPLAYED MOST INTEREST IN EMIGRATION. HE INDICATED AFTER FATHER GALDAU'S TESTIMONY THAT JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT IS NOT ONLY FOR JEWS AND HE ASKED FOR A COPY OF GALDAU'S LIST. (THE NEW YORK HUNGER STRIKERS WERE DEMONSTRATING OUTSIDE THE SENATE OFFICE BUILDING

IN WHICH THE HEARING WAS HELD.) RIBICOFF ALSO TOLD THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS WITNESS-AN OFFICIAL OF CLARK EQUIPMENT-TO TAKE A MESSAGE TO MINISTER AVRAM WHOM HE WOULD SEE ON JUNE 9 STATING THE CONGRESS' INTENSE INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT.

4. DOLE AND CURTIS MADE POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT.

5. HARRY BYRD SHOWED SOME INTEREST FOLLOWING THE STATEMENT BY HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS ON REPRESSION OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY.

6. LONG ASKED THE STAFF TO SUMMARIZE RIPOSANU'S BRIEF ABOUT A \$300,000 CLAIM AGAINST THE GOR BY AN AMERICAN FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT. HE SHOWED INTEREST IN THE CASE, BUT DID NOT INDICATE ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE AGREEMENT.

7. AT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION WITNESSES SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY JUNE 26. KISSINGER

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